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Applicants : Orest W. Blaschuk et al.
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ADHESION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 7, 2004, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on January 7, 2005. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group II, claim 34, drawn to a method for modulating vascular smooth muscle cell migration, for examination at this time. Applicants further request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction of Groups II and III. Groups II and III each relate to the use of the very same cell adhesion modulating agents of claim 8 for modulating the activity of the very same cell type, vascular smooth muscle cells. The only distinction is that Group II uses the modulating agents of claim 8 for modulating vascular smooth muscle cell migration while Group III uses the modulating agents of claim 8 for modulating vascular smooth muscle cell apoptosis. A search of the modulating agents of claim 8 in the context of vascular smooth muscle cells will thus necessarily identify art related to Group II and Group III. Applicants submit that there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to search this subject

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matter simultaneously and thus respectfully request that Groups II and III be searched and examined together in the subject application.

Favorable consideration of the application is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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